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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MEL SEARLS, ESSO (HONG KONG)

REF: HONG KONG 0774 (NOTAL)

1. MEL SEARLS, MARKETING DIRECTOR, ESSO (HONG KONG), WILL BE VISITING TOKYO NEXT WEEK TO RESEARCH PRC COAL EXPORTS TO JAPAN UNDER LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT. SEARLS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING PRC SUPPLIES OF COAL FOR ESSO'S PLANNED 1,400 MEGAWATTS THERMO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANT IN HONG KONG (REFTEL). THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROJECT FOR HONG KONG, IN PART BECAUSE CHINESE COOPERATION WITH AN AMERICAN FIRM TO SUPPLY THE COLONY'S FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS WOULD BOOST INVESTOR CONFIDENCE HERE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: CONGEN HAS SUGGESTED THAT SEARLS CONTACT REGIONAL MINERALS ATTACHE AL NOONAN ON MARCH 27, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE HE AND OTHER SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE FOR SEARLS' RESEARCH.

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